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Dearest Ken and Mamie:

Otto and I never thought the day would come when we couldn't stay on top of everything going on around Freedom House, but now we find ourselves run ragged just to keep abreast of major developments. However, I guess that's the price paid for progress!

Our Board member, Barbara Dawson, who has been in touch with you is as excited as we that you will be able to be with us for the last in our "Sunday at 6" Forum Series for this year. This has been an interesting experiment in community education and for the most part, highly successful.

Last night, we had a member of the Boston School Committee speak on the Boston schools as he sees them...and that's pretty much in terms of teacher salaries, administrative headaches in budget and related problems. Some work has been done by parents concerned about schools and school location in the urban renewal program currently in planning process in this community, so attention was directed towards the consideration of de facto segregation. However, the big emphasis on this we are leaving until you come.

Incidentally, I don't know whether or not Barbara told you, but we have a situation here in which both Negroes and whites need to be straightened out (if that's possible) on the inherent inequality and damage to children in separate schools...and it is to this that we would like you to address yourself - you know, "prejudice and your child".

Tom Pettigrew asked me the other day when you would be in town. He is most anxious to see you when you come. Therefore, what are the chances of your getting in on Saturday...early...so that we can have a little get-together that night?

PLEASE, do let me know as soon as you can so that we can make the arrangements. We will pay your expenses, of course. And Mamie, I need a personal profile on Ken for publicity purposes...and we want to start getting the releases out next week!

Looking forward to seeing you no end.

Fondly,

Muriel